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For:	COAL-BED-METHANE)
	WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM)
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Examiner:	Matthew O. Savage)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

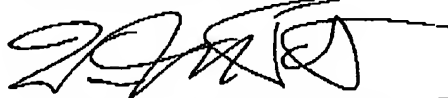
Responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed November 30, 2005, Applicant hereby elects with traverse Group I (i.e., claims 1-10). Should the examiner reconsider, Applicant would preferably elect Groups I and III (i.e., claims 1-10 and 33-61).

Applicant finds that Groups I and III are directed to a common invention. As stated in the Restriction/Election Requirement, Groups I and III are contained with the same class and subclass. Moreover, Applicant finds claim 1 to be generic, reading on claim 33 and its associated dependents. Building on the limitations of claim 1, claim 33 only appears to add a control system for monitoring pH levels and the requirement that the solid-based sulfurous generator include a hydraulic air inlet shut off valve. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Requirement and allowance of Applicant's election of Groups I and III (i.e., claims 1-10 and 33-61).

Having fully responded to the examiner's Action and made the required election, Applicant asserts that early action on the merits of the elected claims is now in order.

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Respectfully submitted,



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